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# Page 2: General Information

Q1 Please enter the name of your county.

**MENARD** 

**Q2** Enter name of CHC chair who managed 2018 work. If you have "co-chairs," pick the one individual who knows the most about what the CHC accomplishes and can be the one point of contact for our agency.

Name of 2018 CHC chair TERRELL T KELLEY

Chair's address PO BOX 160, MENARD, TEXAS 76859

Chair's cell phone number 915-726-0888

Other phone number for chair 325-396-2817

Email address for chair Terrell.Kelley@att.net

Q3 Contact info for individual filling out report IF OTHER THAN CHAIR. This is who we will contact with questions about reporting answers.

Name of individual filling out report

NA

## Page 3: CHC Volunteer Hours

**Q4** How many volunteer hours were contributed in 2018? Please enter numbers only for your answer--webpage will NOT advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text. If you do not keep track of hours, enter an approximate number of hours. Enter the number "0" if your CHC is inactive.

Volunteer hours

2945

**Q5** Provide the total number of CHC appointees serving in the 2018 year of service. Please enter numbers only for your answer; webpage will not advance if you enter punctuation, symbols or text.

# of CHC appointees

11

**Q6** Provide any comments/clarifications about the volunteer hours you entered above. Please skip this question if you have no comments/clarifications.

Respondent skipped this question

## Page 4: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation

**Q7** Indicate the number of full commission meetings your CHC held in 2018. Both items below must be answered using numbers only; do not use punctuation, symbols or text. Enter the number "0" in both boxes, if your CHC did not meet.

CHC full commission 5
meetings in 2018
CHC committee meetings in 1
2018

**Q8** Check the circle next to the percentage that best reflects how often a QUORUM was present for your full commission meetings in 2018. A majority of appointees must be present at a meeting to constitute a QUORUM. Clicking a circle places a check the circle; clicking again will uncheck the circle.

100% of full commission meetings made quorum

# Page 5: CHC Meetings and Appointee Participation (continued)

**Q9** Check the percentage that best reflects the number of CHC appointees who have completed Open Meetings training.

1-25% of our CHC appointees have taken Open Meetings training

## Page 6: CHC Financial Information

**Q10** Which serves as the repository for CHC money? Check each answer that applies to your CHC.

County treasury

Q11 Enter the amount of money provided to your CHC next to each line item. Use numbers for the DOLLAR amount; please round up to the nearest dollar when necessary. Do not use symbols or text; commas and decimals are considered to be symbols. Each box requires an amount; enter the number "0" if no monies are associated with the line item.

Balance carried over from 0 2017: Annual county allocation for 7400 2018 (not including money for museums): County money allotted for museums in 2018 (passing through CHC): Any other money issued by county during 2018 (one-time amount for a special project, etc.): CHC fundraising proceeds (events, book sales, etc.) during 2018: Grant money provided to CHC 0 in 2018: Partner/nonprofit money donations made in 2018: "Membership" dues (though not recommended, some CHCs do request dues): Any other money amounts for 0 2018 not already included above; DO NOT include CHC

**Q12** Provide any clarifications about above amounts; skip question if you have no comments.

Respondent skipped this question

appointee out-of-pocket

expenses.

Q13 If your county employs an individual as a CHC liaison or as some other support position, please let us know if his/her salary comes out of the CHC county allocation or from some other budgetary line item. Also, let us know what responsibilities have been assigned to this individual. FYI--This information is frequently requested by CHCs.

NA

Page 7: CHC Financial Information (continued)

**Q14** If your CHC receives in-kind donations, check each in-kind item below that was given to your CHC in 2018. SKIP QUESTION if your CHC doesn't accept in-kind donations.

Space for a CHC-sponsored exhibit (history, projects, photographs, etc.)

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Utilities associated with any spaces mentioned above,

Exterior maintenance or heavy equipment

Project/event supplies and/or equipment,

Assistance from county staff--posting meetings, financial reports, legal consultations, etc.

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Professional expertise of county staff (for any subject/need)

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Web hosting on county website

Page 8: Planning CHC Projects and Programs

**Q15** A work plan defines project tasks, participants, time estimates, and a schedule. Check the option that best reflects how often is your CHC work plan updated.

Updated after each CHC meeting

**Q16** Check each of the parties who participates in your CHC planning process.

CHC chair,

CHC officers

Officei

CHC appointees

Page 9: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory

**Q17** If your CHC has performed work associated with formal cultural and historic resource survey, please explain survey work completed in 2018 in the box below. Include work to initiate or maintain surveys. Skip question if no survey work.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 10: Goal 1: Survey and Online Inventory (continued)

**Q18** Check the work items in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.

Reviewed applications for historical MARKERS

Maintain an inventory of subject MARKERS in your county

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Periodically assess the condition of subject MARKERS in your county

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Cleaned or repaired

**MARKERS** 

Maintain an inventory of properties that are DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Historic Texas Cemetery, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Archeological Landmark)

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Periodically assess the condition of CEMETERIES in your county

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Cleaned or repaired objects in CEMETERIES

Maintain an inventory of CEMETERY ORGANIZATIONS in your county

Page 11: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 2: Emphasize Cultural Landscapes

Q19 Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.

Identified and/or researched areas of development within your county that could impact cultural and historic resources

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Identified and/or researched waterways, dams, irrigation districts, etc. in your county

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Provide general comments on above work if you'd like.:

Active participant in successful efforts to obtain funding for completion of restoration of historic county courthouse. Participated in 2018 Central Texas Regional Courthouse Stewardship Workshop in September.

**Q20** Check the box next to each work item in which your CHC was actively involved during 2018.

Planned or pursued work that altered historic county courthouse square

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Comment on proposed or ongoing changes to above properties. :

As the culmination of the national and state-wide centennial of the end of World War I, the County War Memorial was expanded and completely re-furbished.

Page 12: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 3: Implement Policies and Incentives

**Q21** Check the box next to each of the comments that apply to your CHC's 2018 body of work.

CHC participated in community planning activities to ensure historic and cultural resources were considered when development or zoning is discussed by city officials

Tell us more about your CHC's involvement in the areas checked above. Skip commenting if no boxes are checked.: The CHC is routinely contacted for comment regarding any proposed construction activity which may impinge on local

Q22 Check the box if the statement applies to your CHC.

If your CHC has a review and/or recommendation role, please enter your county and explain the extent of your review authority for COUNTY historic tax exemptions or incentives.:

NA

historical sites.

Page 13: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 4: Leverage Economic Development Tools for Preservation

**Q23** Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Promoted historic and cultural sites to develop and sustain heritage tourism initiatives

Secured private grant money to fund or partially fund a CHC project

Involved in local economic development plans/projects/organizations

Tell us a bit more about your CHC's involvement in the areas you have checked above.:

The expansion and refurbishment of the County War Memorial was totally funded through a cooperative effort between the CHC, the Presidio de San Saba Restoration Corporation and the Menard Business Association. Menard County provided in-kind heavy equipment support and was actively involved with the CHC in obtaining THC authorization for the initiative.

Page 14: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 5: Learn and Experience History through Place

**Q24** Check the box for each work item in which your CHC was actively involved in 2018.

Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history to audiences outside your CHC

Provided educational events/presentations/info on historic preservation and local history geared toward youth/schools

Initiated projects to diversify interpretation of historic and cultural resources

Coordinated a regional preservation or tourism

Supported activities sponsored by one or more of the Texas Heritage Trails regions

Provided tours of other historic buildings and/or sites within the county

CHC appointees volunteered at a historic site that is open to the public at large

CHC managed a historic site that is open to the public at large

**Q25** List events in which your CHC was involved that are associated with boxes checked above. Provide details for selected activities in the Project Description section at the end of this report.

- Oversight on behalf of Menard County, in conjunction with the Presidio de San Saba Restoration Corporation, of the Presidio de San Saba Historical Site. This includes day-to-day maintenance, site improvement and promotion, responding to numerous queries, and conducting site tours.
- Annual presentation of "A Walk Through Time," an original living history production at the Presidio portraying the rich history of Menard County through song and drama.
- Expanding the historical context of "A Walk Through Time" by emphasizing the critical contributions of Spain and Tejanos to Texas and local history.
- CHC president and secretary actively participate on the Texas Forts Trail Board of Directors.

Page 15: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields

**Q26** Partnering is more than just attending meetings of other organizations. Effective partnerships build a stronger and more diverse preservation community. Check each of the individuals and organizations with which your CHC partnered during 2018.

County , officials

City , officials

Local , businesses

Libraries.

Museums,

Cemetery organizations,

**Texas Heritage Trails** 

**Program** 

Tourism organizations / visitors

bureau

Other nonprofit organizations not already listed above

(societies, associations, etc.)

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Educational institutions (school districts, community

colleges, universities)

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Chambers of commerce / downtown business

association

Page 16: Goal 6: Connect Preservation to Related Fields (continued)

**Q27** Check the boxes that reflect your CHC's role with museums.

CHC appointees volunteer with museum/s

**Q28** Enter your county name and provide the name and location for each of the museums your CHC operates. Please skip this question if your CHC does not operate museums.

Respondent skipped this question

**Q29** When considering your overall workload, check the range that applies to your CHC.

1-25% of CHC time spent on museum related work

Page 17: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment

**Q30** Check each way your CHC officially reported 2018 activities to your county officials.

Presented summary of 2018 accomplishments to commissioners court in late 2018

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Presented to county commissioners court about a particular project/s

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Met with the county

judge

Met with county commissioners

Submitted CHC meeting minutes,

Submitted a CHC budget,

Provided suggested CHC appointments,

Plan to present summary of 2018 accomplishments to commissioners court in early 2019

Page 18: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

**Q31** Check the elected officials that your CHC regularly invited to events and activities in 2018.

County judge,

County commissioners,

Mayor/s of cities in your

county

City council members from cities within your

county

School board members

**Q32** Please enter your county name and the names of elected officials who attended one or more of your CHC events in 2018. Skip this question if no elected officials attended your events.

#### MENARD COUNTY

- JUDGE RICHARD CORDES
- MAYOR BARBARA HOOTEN
- COUNCILMAN BOB BROWN
- ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MICHELLE MCSHERRY

Page 19: Goal 7: Cultivate Political Commitment (continued)

**Q33** Check the activities and communications undertaken by your CHC in 2018 in support of Texas history and preservation.

Issued information to the public at large--newsletters, email, press releases, etc.

Submitted articles and/or letters to media outlets

Invited key decision-makers to celebratory preservation events

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Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for specific projects

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Worked with preservation nonprofits who advocate for preservation in general

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Had face-to-face discussions with state legislators

Had face-to-face discussions with federal legislators

Page 20: Statewide Preservation Plan for Texas—Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community

**Q34** Check all of the ways in which your CHC tried to improve appointee participation in 2018.

Initiated projects to diversify CHC membership

Provided educational presentations for your CHC appointees

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Used the THC website information to educate appointees

Q35 If you ATTENDED a CHC regional meeting in 2018, please indicate:-- the counties that participated (including your county);-- topics or themes discussed; and -- how many times you have met formally as a group over the years. Please skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

Q36 Please list workshops that your CHC hosted in 2018, including information on the educational topic. Providing this information enables our staff to know more about your interests. Skip if the question does not apply to your CHC.

Respondent skipped this question

Page 21: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

**Q37** Reflecting 2018 activity, enter the number of CHC appointees who attended a training offered by the organization listed. Please use numbers only; do not use text or symbols.

Texas Heritage Trails 3
Program
Any other history-related opportunity that was offered locally/regionally

Page 22: Goal 8: Build Capacity of Preservation Community (continued)

Q38 Check the ways in which your CHC made concerted efforts in 2018 to improve work relative to previous years.

CHC planning,

Bylaws,

Membership and attendance

Preservation education for

appointees

Partnerships,

Community outreach to

adults

Community outreach to young

people

Presence of CHC and/or county history on

Internet

Relationship with county commissioners

court

Initiated a new CHC

project

Improved an ongoing

effort

Page 23: Project Description #1 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

**Q39** Project Description #1 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that resulted in a preservation and/or protection outcome. Projects may include, but are not limited to, building rehabilitations, site clean-ups, digitization of archival documents, oral history, etc. Please do not include marker efforts here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the project/effort/service—improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Menard: CHC took the lead in developing the plans and overseeing the successful completion of the expansion and refurbishment of the County War Memorial. This was the highlight of the CHC-led observance of the 2018 centennial of the end of World War I. Other related events included newspaper articles, wide distribution of THC World War I materials, an exhibition of World War I "Trench Art," and contemporary color prints at the public library, a World War I -theme for the annual Veterans Day community parade in which CHC sponsored a float, and community-wide participation in the international Bells for Peace on November 11, 2018. The refurbished memorial site was re-dedicated at the end of the Veterans Day Parade on November 10, 2018.

The expansion and refurbishment of the County War Memorial included the following:

- CHC development of an overall plan, with diagrams, for County Commissioners Court approval.
- CHC submission of locally approved plans to THC for state approval.
- CHC, in conjunction with the Menard Business association, obtaining commitments from the County, local businesses and organizations, and individuals, for both in-kind and cash support for the project. (The project was successfully completed, on time, at no cost to the citizens of Menard.)

#### The project included:

- Re-location of two related historical markers.
- Cleaning of the County War Memorial and both of the historical markers.
- Construction of a decorative fence around the expanded memorial area. (The repurposed material used was decorative metal from the first metal bridge erected in Menard County in 1888.)
- Construction of a second flag pole.
- Decorating with original, hand-made metal red Flanders Poppies in urns flanking the memorial.
- Paving the area surrounding the memorial with decorative bricks.

The project has been very well received, resulting in a noticeable increase in general respect for the historical and cultural significance of the site to our community..

Page 24: Project Description #2 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

**Q40** Project Description #2 (of 3)—Share ONE project, effort, or service that was focused on educating the citizens of your county and/or celebrating history with the citizens of your county. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Menard: Establishment of an official Sister City relationship between Menard and Cortegana, Spain.

Working closely with the City of Menard, the CHC provided the impetus for the initiative, and was strongly represented on the Mayor's Select Sister City Committee.

The purpose of the initiative is to highlight the unique historical ties between Menard and Cortegana, and in so doing develop a strong, mutually beneficial cultural, educational and economic relationship.

The entire relationship is based upon the shared history with the Terreros family from Cortegana. Father Alonso Terreros established the San Saba Mission in 1757 and was martyred there in 1758 when it was destroyed by hostile natives. The mission was financed by another son of Cortegana, Don Pedro de Terreros. Starting in 1993 with the re-discovery of the mission site, Spanish Ambassador Juan Romero de Terreros, a direct descendant of both Father Alonso and Don Pedro, visited Menard eight times in support of the restoration of the Presidio, which was also established in 1757 on the San Saba River. In recognition of their efforts, both Ambassador Terreros and his wife, Carmen, are honorary citizens of Menard.

On November 2, 2018, the Mayor of Menard and a CHC delegation traveled to Cortegana where the Sister City agreement was formally signed. The establishment of the relationship was widely covered by the media in Spain, and has generated much positive interest locally. A reciprocal visit to Menard by the Mayor of Cortegana is expected in April 2019.

# Page 25: Project Description #3 (of 3) for CHC work from 2018

**Q41** Project Description #3 (of 3)— Share ONE project, effort, or service that educated and/or celebrated history and was promoted to people OUTSIDE of your county. A heritage tourism effort may be described here. Description must include the following information to illustrate the nature of efforts involved: -- your county name-- describe project, effort, or service and your CHC's role in event/effort-- note partners and community involvement in planning and/or implementation-- impact of the event/effort/service—attendance, improvements made, public benefit, etc.

Menard: Annual Living History Dramatic Event - "A Walk Through Time"

- This event is performed every year under the direction of the CHC at the Presidio de San Saba Historical Site and attracts visitors from throughout the region. In 2018, over 150 persons saw the production.
- -The production shares the history of Menard from Neolithic times to the settlement of the Anglo Texans in the 1860s. The essential part played by the Presidio over the last 261 years is the overarching focus With each re-telling, there is also increased emphasis on the critical role of Spain in this region during its colonial period in Texas. In the scenes portraying the Texas Revolution, the important role of Tejanos and Tejanas is similarly highlighted alongside such traditional Texas and Menard icons as James Bowie.
- While dramatized to help bring the history to life with both original music and dance, the entire script is based on historical fact, often using verbatim language from Spanish and first-person sources, with the historical Presidio as the backdrop.
- In 2019, the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association (TOMFRA) as part of their annual trip will be including a visit to the Presidio when "A Walk Through Time" is performing. Similarly, the Mayor of Menard's Sister City of Cortegana may also be in attendance with his delegation for this year's performance.

### Page 26: CHC Comments for the THC

Q42 Share your thoughts on THC/CHC Outreach services that have helped your CHC.

The refurbishment of the Menard County War Memorial was a major community effort and its re-dedication the highlight of our year-long observance of the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. None of this would have been possible without the support of THC which quickly reviewed and approved our plans, enabling our going forward in a timely manner. This directly helped us to complete the project just in time for the Annual Menard PTO Veterans Parade. The approval process was made easy by our contacting Amy at THC/CHC Outreach for assistance. She immediately put us in contact with the right people in THC. Just like the outreach system should work. One call gets it all! Thanks!

**Q43** If you'd like, share information not already submitted in this report. Feel free to comment on specific preservation issues--successes and/or challenges--in your county.

We continue to focus on the complete Phase II resoration of the Presidio and the construction of an on-site museum and learning center. Our continuing close partnership with San Angelo State University has been invaluable in this regard. Through their assistance, we have developed a data base for capturing contact information and comments from collected Visitor Cards from the Presidio. ASU has also played a critical role in helping us develop the plans and a graphic representation of the proposed Museum and Learning Center. We are currently working to expand this mutually beneficial partnership.